

114–196, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Rosa G. Rios of Maryland. **Page S170**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 7), Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S150**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 9), Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S153**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 8), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S150**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—10) **Pages S150, S153–54**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Friday, Janu-

ary 12, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S170.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY IN SYRIA POST-ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Syria post-ISIS, after receiving testimony from David M. Satterfield, Senior Bureau Official for Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2152, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Joseph D. Brown, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, Matthew D. Krueger, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Norman Euell Arflack, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Ted G. Kamatchus, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4766–4784; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 98; and H. Res. 684–691 were introduced. **Pages H168–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H170**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4043, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to reauthorize the whistleblower protection

program, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–510);

H.R. 1701, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–511, Part 1);

H.R. 3737, to provide for a study on the use of social media in security clearance investigations (H. Rept. 115–512); and

H.R. 1532, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band

of Creek Indians, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–513). **Page H168**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H135**

Rapid DNA Act: The House passed S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, and to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 16. **Pages H137–60**

Rejected the Himes motion to commit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 15. **Pages H158–59**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–53 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H137**

Rejected:

Amash amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–504) that sought to replace the text of S. 139 with the text of the USA RIGHTS Act (by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 14). **Pages H149–58**

H. Res. 682, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 139) was agreed to yesterday, January 10th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, January 9th.

Counter Terrorist Network Act: H.R. 4578, to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 17. **Page H160**

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4708, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign. **Page H161**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 10 a.m. tomorrow, January 12th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 16th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H162**

Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 139: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 78, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 139. **Page H162**

Committee Chairwoman Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Black wherein she resigned as the Chairwoman of the Committee on the Budget. **Page H162**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gowdy wherein he resigned from the Committee on Ethics. **Pages H162–63**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 685, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H163**

Senate Referral: S. 875 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H166**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H160.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H157–58, H159, H159–160, and H160. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.